IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant Christian Herbst-Dederichs

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Examiner : Alison K. Pickard

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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP Amendment

Commissioner of Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated August 6, 2008, please consider the remarks that follow: